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SUBJECT: MEETINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS IN PROTEST OF SINAI

ACCORD - KUWAIT

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1. IN FIRST MAJOR ATTEMPT ORCHESTRATE LOCAL PALESTINIAN
AND SYMPATHETIC KUWAITI OPPOSITION TO SINAI ACCORD, PUBLIC
RALLY WAS HELD SEPTEMBER 8 FOR EXPRESS PURPOSE OF RATIFYING
RESOLUTIONS ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SINAI PREPARED EARLIER
IN WEEK BY SELECT REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS PALESTINIAN
COMMANDO AND POLITIR

L AND KUWAITI "POPULAR" ORGANIZATIONS.

FATAH AND PLO LEADER HANI AL-HAFIJDRIVED FROM BEIRUT
SEPTEMBER 7 TO ACT AS OVERALL COORDINATOR OF EFFORT,
PRESUMABLY INSURING THAT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED WERE IN PHASE

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WITH THOSE OF PLO LEADERSHIP IN BEIRUT.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, GENERALLY
CONFIRMED BY INDEPENDENT ESTIMATES, UP TO 10,000 PEOPLE
TURNED OUT FOR RALLY, WHICH WAS ORDERLY AFFAIR. PROMINENT
AMONG THE SPEAKERS WERE HEAD OF LOCAL FATAH OFFICE, SALIM
ZA'NUN, AND KUWAITI LEFTIST DEPUTY SAMI MUNAYYIS. TEN
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED INCLUDED: CONDEMNATION OF 6058-,
"REGIME", URGING ALL EFFORTS TO "KILL" AGREEMENT; URGING
OF SYRIAN-IRAQI RECONCILIATION IN ORDER TO FACE COMMON FOE;
NOTE OF APPRECIATION TO SOVIET UNION FOR ITS STAND, URGING
IT TO WITHDRAW FROM PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA CONFERENCE;
DENOUNCEMENT OF LEBANESE PHALANGE; AND CALL TO ARAB MASSES
EVERYWHERE TO JOIN IN DAY OF STRIKE ON 10TH DAY OF RAMADAN
(SEPTEMBER 15), THE TWO YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF 1973 WAR,
AND DEMONSTRATE THAT DAY AGAINST EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT. THERE
WAS APPARENTLY ALSO SOME AGITATION LED BY FATAH'S STUDENT
COMMITTEE HERE IN PROTEST OF ARREST OF "NATIONAL ELEMENTS"
IN BAHRAIN, BUT THIS SUBJECT BIBPT MAKE LIST OF RESOLUTIONS.

3. EVERYBODY HAD BEEN WONDERING WHEN THESE DEMONSTRATIONS
AND PUBLIC PROTESTATIONS WOULD GET UNDERWAY IN KUWAIT AS
THEIR OCCURRENCE WAS CERTAINLY PREDICTABLE. IN TERMS OF
ORGANIZED PROTEST TO THE SINAI AGREEMENT, SEPTEMBER 15TH
DEMONSTRATIONS WILL PROBABLY BE CULMINATION OF IT ALL AND
WHILE THEY COULD BE SIZEABLE IT UNLIKELY THAT THEY WILL
BE ALLOWED TO TURN VIOLENT. POLICE HAVE ASSURED US THAT
THEY ARE ON TOP OF DEVELOPMENTS, AND CLATRKZJKY
TO HAVE ADDED PLAINCLOTHES SURVEILLANCE OF THIS AND
EGYPTIAN EMBASSY. EGYPTIANS SEEM MORE LIKELY THAN WE TO
BECOME TARGETS FOR STRAY ROCKS, ETC., SINCE THEY ARE
BEARING BRUNT OF PUBLIC CRITICISM OF SINAI AGREEMENT
AND THEIR EMBASSY IS QUITE NEAR PLANNED ROUTE OF MARCH.
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